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C. ALTHOUGH SUBJECT SAID REPEATEDLY THAT HE FELT IT RIDICULOUS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE FUTURE LEADERS OF THE GDR, HE WAS WILLING TO COMMENT ON SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED IN THE U.S. PRESS AS PREMIER CONTENDERS FOR THE POSITION. HONNECKER'S DEPUTY EGON ((KRENZ)), REPORTED IN THE PRESS TO BE FIRST IN LINE, [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO SUBJECT.

KRENZ, SUBJECT SAID, [REDACTED] THE FACT THAT KRENZ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUBJECT SAID THAT EAST BERLINERS ARE OF TWO OPINIONS ABOUT KRENZ--FIRST, THAT HE HAS THE MIND OF A VEGETABLE AND SECOND, THAT HE DOES NOT.

D. HANS ((MODROW)), PARTY SECRETARY IN DRESDEN, ^{GDR} IS NOT CONSIDERED TO HAVE MUCH SUPPORT AMONG TRADITIONAL POLITBURO MEMBERS, SUBJECT SAID. ALTHOUGH MODROW HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY POPULAR, HE IS CONSIDERED TOO RADICAL OF A REFORMER. SUBJECT SAID THAT MODROW [REDACTED] AS SOVIET OFFICIAL BORIS ((YELTSIN)), WITH WHOM HE HAS BEEN COMPARED, BUT, NONETHELESS, HE HAS NOT GAINED MANY FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES AS A RESULT OF HIS RELATIONSHIPS WITH SOVIET REFORMISTS. SUBJECT INDICATED THAT, CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS, MODROW WAS REPRIMANDED PUBLICLY NOT FOR MISMANAGEMENT IN DRESDEN, BUT TO PUT HIM IN HIS PLACE. SUBJECT WAS SKEPTICAL THAT EAST BERLIN PARTY CHIEF GUNTER ((SCHABOWSKI)) WOULD EVER SUCCEED HONNECKER BUT REFUSED TO COMMENT FURTHER.

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A. DURING A [REDACTED] MEETING, SUBJECT REFUTED PUBLISHED REPORTS SPECULATING ON THE HEALTH OF GDR LEADER ERICH ((HONNECKER)). HONNECKER, [REDACTED] SUFFERED ONLY A MILD GALL BLADDER ATTACK AT THE JULY 1989 WARSAW PACT MEETING, NOT A HEART ATTACK AS SOME PRESS REPORTS HAVE INDICATED. [REDACTED]

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B. SUBJECT EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT IS FRUITLESS TO COMMENT ON POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS TO HONNECKER, WHOM HE PREDICTED WILL STAY IN OFFICE UNTIL HIS DEATH. HONNECKER WILL NOT BE VOTED OUT NOR WILL HE GO VOLUNTARILY, SUBJECT OPINED. HE NOTED THAT THERE IS NO LONGER TALK OF A "RETIREMENT" FOR HONNECKER AS THERE HAS BEEN IN THE PAST. SUBJECT STATED HE PERSONALY HAD BELIEVED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SUBJECT THEN POINTED OUT THAT APPOINTING SUCCESSORS DOES NOT WORK IN EITHER THE SOCIALIST OR THE CAPITALIST WORLD. THIS TYPE OF ACTION ONLY SERVES TO DILUTE THE AUTHORITY OF THE SENIOR LEADER AND TO COMPLICATE MATTERS FOR JUNIOR OFFICIALS. SUBJECT EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT FEW, IF ANY, OF THOSE WHO WERE ANNOINTED SUCCESSOR BY A LEADER PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM OFFICE ACTUALLY MANAGED TO HOLD ON TO THEIR POSITION. DISCUSSIONS ABOUT SUCCESSION ARE ONLY A USELESS EXERCISE, SUBJECT AVERRED.

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A6 TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1990

E. German Talks Stall Over Secret Police Issue

■ **Reforms:** The Stasi are supposed to have been disbanded. But opposition leaders say most are still at their posts.

By WILLIAM TUOHY
TIMES STAFF WRITER

EAST BERLIN—East German opposition leaders threatened Monday to break off political talks with the Communists after rejecting assurances that the hated secret police have been disbanded.

The opposition insisted that most of the secret police, the Stasi, are still at their posts around the nation even though the Communist government said two months ago that it would abolish the unit.

The opposition leaders called on Prime Minister Hans Modrow to promise that the secret police will be disbanded and disbanded.

The opposition took its stand at the weekly meeting of the so-called round table, an assembly of Communist leaders and opposition groups. The round table was established to work out procedures in advance of national elections scheduled for May 6.

Unless Modrow can provide firm assurances that the secret police are being broken up, the opposition said, it will refuse to attend next week's meeting and will call for nationwide demonstrations.

Ingrid Kueppe, a representative of New Forum, the largest of the opposition movements, said she has not been convinced by government assurances that the secret police will be abolished before the May elections and not be replaced by any similar organization.

After the meeting, the opposition said in a joint statement that it "protests energetically against the behavior of the government."

In a related development, about 100,000 people marched Monday through Leipzig chanting "Down with Communists" and calling for German reunification, news agencies reported.

Speakers at the rally said they fear a resurgence of Communist power and believe that the Stasi are still active. Leipzig has been the scene of regular rallies for months. Monday's was the first of the new year after a Christmas-season break.

Peter Koch, a government official who has been involved in the move to disband the secret police, said all the agency's personnel have turned in their weapons. He said these "have been secured" and that "any access to them by security police is out of the question."

Koch said that 25,000 of the secret police agency's employees have been dismissed and that its network of informers has been dissolved. He admitted, however, that 60,000 people are still working for the agency.

"We are only at the beginning of the process of disbanding," he said.

Rolf Henrich of New Forum suggested that Koch should not accept secret police promises that their weapons were turned in.

"We are not dealing with a girls' boarding school," he said. "You have to be naive to think this organization will show any interest in its own breakup."

In a related development, Konrad Weiss, a leader of the opposition group Democracy Now, told the West German newspaper Bild that the Communist regime is only now calling attention to neo-Nazi activity in East Germany.

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**HANS MODROW,
East German Prime
Minister**

The movement has existed for years, Weiss said, but the Communists have sought to minimize this fact in order to avoid embarrassment. "Neo-Nazis in East Germany didn't fit in with the pretty facade," he said.

Weiss said there are as many as 1,500 neo-Nazis in East Germany, many of them members of the secret police. He said the Communist regime is playing up neo-Nazism now as a way of suggesting that the secret police are still needed.

"They are trying to give the impression," Weiss said, "that there have been neo-Nazis only since the Stasi went, but they were around before."

Meanwhile, East German border guards turned back Franz Schoenhuber, leader of West Germany's far-right Republicans party, when he tried to cross from West Berlin.

Schoenhuber's Republicans have announced plans to establish a branch of the party in East Germany and to make German reunification their major objective.

Schoenhuber, a member of an SS formation in World War II, said that his being refused entry is "scandalous."

"It shows how afraid this collapsing state is," he said, "in the face of the authentic anti-Communist alternative—the only one so far—that the Republicans represent."

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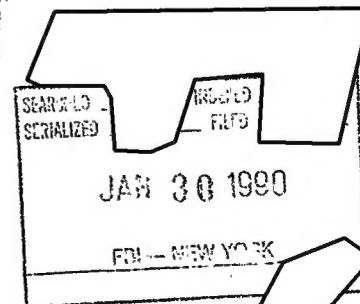
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TEXT: THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WILL DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF THE SED. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE PARTY ITSELF WILL DISBAND BEFORE THE ELECTION AS THERE IS "NO WAY" THEY CAN WIN. THE PARTIES CURRENTLY IN THE OPPOSITION ARE NOT WILLING TO FORM A COALITION WITH THE SED, EVEN ^{IF} IT GETS AS MUCH AS 49 PERCENT OF THE GENERAL ELECTION VOTE. AS THEY WILL NOT GET 51 PERCENT OF THE VOTE, THE SED WILL NOT HAVE THE PRIME MINISTERS POST. THE ONLY THING THAT IS HOLDING BACK THE FALL OF THE SED IS THE GENERAL FEELING THAT THE CURRENT PRIME MINISTER ~~HANS MODROW~~, AN SED MEMBER, IS DOING A GOOD JOB AND IS VERY HIGHLY REGARDED BY ALL. THE PROBLEM WITH HIM IS HIS PARTY AFFILIATION AND HE REFUSES TO QUIT THE SED. THERE IS SPECULATION THAT A SCENARIO WILL DEVELOP WHICH WILL HAVE MODROW RETAIN THE PRIME MINISTER'S POSITION, IF HE LEAVES THE SED EVEN ON A "TEMPORARY" BASIS. THIS IS NOT LIKELY HOWEVER AND THE SED, FACED WITH THE INABILITY TO LEAD THE GOVERNMENT, WILL DISBAND.

IT IS MOST LIKELY THAT DRESDEN MAYOR ^B ~~WOLFGANG BERGHOFER~~ WHO QUIT THE SED ON JANUARY 21, 1990, WILL EMERGE AS THE NEW LEADER OF THE REVITALIZED SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THE CURRENT LEADER

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CHANCELLOR'S SEAT IN THE DECEMBER, 1990 WEST GERMAN ELECTIONS.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE WEST GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY WILL
CAST ITSELF AS THE "HERO" OF THE EAST GERMAN "REVOLUTION" AND
THAT THIS MESSAGE WILL BE WELL RECEIVED BY THE VOTING PUBLIC.

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OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS NOT WELL KNOWN NATIONALLY AND IS NOT THOUGHT OF AS PRIME MINISTER MATERIAL. BERGHOFER ON THE OTHER HAND IS AND WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY THE COALITION THAT WOULD BE NEEDED BY THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE PRIME MINISTER'S POST. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS NOW ALSO IN THE MONETARY POSITION TO EMERGE AS A POWER IN NATIONAL POLITICS, DUE TO THE RETURN OF ITS FORMER PROPERTIES. THE PROPERTY THAT WAS OWNED BY THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS PRIOR TO 1933 WAS RETURNED TO THAT PARTY IN 1946 BY THE SOVIET OCCUPATION FORCES. THIS PROPERTY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MERGED WITH THAT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

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THE LONG TERM ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION IS THAT THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY BACKED BY A COALITION OF "OPPOSITION" PARTIES WILL WIN THE PRIME MINISTERS POSITION IN MAY, 1990. THIS PRIME MINISTER WILL BE WOLFGANG BERGHOFER, WHO WILL JOIN THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. THE VICTORY OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN THE GDR WILL SIGNAL THE ALL OUT CAMPAIGN OF THE WEST GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO WIN THE

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Asset stated that [] said the current Soviet reform movement was causing a great deal of confusion in the GDR. A segment of the public is looking to the Soviet Union for leadership in the new openness. The GDR government itself is

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[] said to asset that some of the statements of the GDR dissenters have some merit.

Concerning the impending change of leadership in the GDR, []

GUENTER SCHABOWSKI
First Secretary
SED District Organization
East Berlin Bezirk

HANS MODROW
First Secretary
SED District Organization
Dresden Bezirk

EBERHARD AURICH
First Secretary
Free German Youth

[] these were the leading candidates among a rather large cast of characters.

Asset stated that [] told him that they could get together again in the near future [] according to asset, that he had been observed []

[] This apparently made [] very uncomfortable.

Asset stated that he will keep writer advised of any further developments in this matter. Asset will also provide writer with a written report of his meetings with subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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For the information of SAC, on [redacted] writer met with [redacted] Asset provided writer with a copy of [redacted] captioned subject. A copy of [redacted] has been entered in this file under separate cover. Asset also provided additional information supplementing this report.

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Asset stated that he and subject have been planning to meet during [redacted] always put asset off explaining [redacted] Asset felt that this [redacted] for [redacted] Asset and subject were finally able to meet on [redacted] This meeting is detailed in asset's report.

Asset stated that he was able to have another discussion with subject again on [redacted] at the [redacted] Asset stated that [redacted] on GDR politics. An article in the most recent edition of the West German magazine "Spiegel". This article dealt with the latest GDR government attempts to suppress disident groups in the GDR. The article also dealt with the impending departure of ERICH HOENECKER as leader of the GDR government and who his replacement might be.

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For the information of your office, on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] writer met with subject. At the first meeting [REDACTED] subject appeared as planned at the [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. This meeting did not go as planned however, as subject made apologies to writer that he had [REDACTED]. He said that he had made a "lame" excuse but had to go back immediately. He said that he had [REDACTED] to say that he could not make it but was advised that writer had already left. Subject was extremely apologetic and readily agreed to meet writer on [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED]. Writer notes that he has found subject to be a very polite individual and [REDACTED].

The meeting on [REDACTED] went as planned with subject showing up as scheduled at [REDACTED]. The meeting lasted approximately [REDACTED] and was quite productive in the opinion of writer. Subject was in quite a good mood and ordered cake and coffee for writer and himself. It is apparent to writer that subject feels he can adapt to anything and that he feels quite secure about himself [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. Writer and subject began their conversation with a discussion of the status of the East German Communist Party (SED). Subject stated that he had gone [REDACTED] where he learned that the SED was now calling itself the Social Democratic Party. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He said that he did not know for sure but assumed this to be the case. Writer noted a [REDACTED] on subject's part about all this. He did seem to care that the party that he had

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government. Subject said he did not do such things. Writer reminded him that this did not mean that the Soviet correspondent did not believe that this is what he would do. Writer told subject that he would find out what the U.S. policy was a tell him at their next meeting. Subject accepted this idea readily.

Subject also told writer [redacted] French Ambassador to the UN, PIERRE-LOUIS BLANC, [redacted]
[redacted] Subject said that Amb. BLANC [redacted]
[redacted]

Subject also commented on the possibilities for violence in the GDR. Subject believes that there is every possibility that the situation could rapidly deteriorate into violence if there are provocative acts by the pro-unification groups against the security and police forces. Subject said that the killing of a single policeman could lead to a security crackdown and that the security services are more than capable or orchestrating such an event. Subject is very concerned about this and agreed with writer that everything that could be done should be done to prevent the outbreak of violence in the GDR. Writer asked subject what would the consequences in West Germany should violence breakout in the GDR. Subject said that this would present a real problem for the KOHL government. [redacted]

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[redacted] Subject would not speculate as to what would happen then but was obviously upset with the prospect.

Writer and subject agreed to meet again in the near future. On the date of this writing, subject telephoned writer and agreed to meet on [redacted] at the [redacted]

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[redacted] As stated above, writer will give subject an answer to the question of exactly what the U.S. foreign policy is towards the GDR.

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[redacted] WOLFGANG BERGHOFER, the Mayor of Dresden, could be a successor to EGON KRENZ. [redacted]

[redacted] subject laughed and said that writer was speaking nonsense. Subject said that this information was general knowledge and [redacted] from the West German press and his own knowledge of GDR affairs. He said that in no way could something like this be viewed as inside information, he added that he had no access to [redacted] Subject, who was very adamant about this, said [redacted]

[redacted] Writer told him that whether he believed it or not, his "informed opinion" was extremely valuable to the U.S. government. Also while the U.S. does have an embassy in East Berlin, [redacted]

[redacted] he was told. Subject's insights and opinions are valuable and necessary and extremely useful in helping the U.S. government assess an increasingly volatile situation in the GDR. Subject seemed to be placated by writers statements and agreed that his "informed opinion" was in fact valuable.

Subject mentioned to writer [redacted] with a [redacted] correspondent on [redacted] morning [redacted]. Subject did not mention the man's name nor would he provide it, but based on subject's description, it appears that it was [redacted]

[redacted] As subject, in writers opinion, likes this idea to a certain extent, he did not really question this statement. Subject also said that this correspondent was particularly well connected and as such subject took his statement at face value. He did say however that he did not pay too much attention until two days later when he saw an article in the press that the GDR military had announced that it was issuing a warning to the GDR populace not to try to attack GDR military bases. This statement then took on new meaning for subject. Writer advised subject that he did not believe this statement and could not believe [redacted]

[redacted] Subject stated that he was not sure but would not dismiss it out of hand. Writer reminded subject that the Soviets were very good at "disinformation" and were using subject as relay to his [redacted]

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belonged to [redacted]
Writer questioned subject on this. He said that [redacted]
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Writer asked him to explain what he meant by this, but subject would not give a direct answer. He said that he was glad that this had happened and then told a story about how [redacted] worked for [redacted] in the 1930's [redacted] the Nazi's took power. Subject said that the new heroes in the GDR would be people like this and the old Socialists of the early 1900's and 1930's. It is apparent to writer that subject can work himself favorably into any situation.

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Writer asked subject that with all the changes in the GDR government what were the prospects for changes in the Foreign Ministry. He said that he did not expect OSKAR FISCHER to last for long [redacted]
Subject commented [redacted] several years ago. He said that FLORIN was now a member of the GDR Council of State. Subject stated [redacted] FLORIN [redacted] the job of UNGA President was fraught with political peril for an ambitious GDR diplomat. He said that even though FLORIN did a very good job, in a high pressure situation and won the respect of the UN community as a whole, he was relieved of his Foreign Ministry post when he returned home. [redacted]
[redacted] FLORIN [redacted] on the Council of State, as it was just a way to put him aside. [redacted] GDR government could not just toss FLORIN aside even though [redacted] they had to give him a position that at least on the surface looked good.

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Subject at this point was asked about the prospects for HANS MODROW remaining Prime Minister. Subject said rather offhandedly [redacted]. When writer questioned him as to the level of his acquaintance with MODROW, subject said that [redacted]
[redacted]. Subject said that MODROW was already a "famous and well respected man at that time". MODROW was involved with the FDJ group [redacted]
[redacted] Subject regards MODROW highly and speaks of him in the same way he speaks of FLORIN. [redacted] relationship with MODROW. [redacted]
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Subject and writer then discussed [redacted]

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FEELS QUITE SECURE ABOUT HIMSELF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WRITER AND SUBJECT BEGAN THEIR CONVERSATION WITH A
DISCUSSION OF THE STATUS OF THE EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY
(SED). SUBJECT STATED THAT HE HAD [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WHERE HE LEARNED THAT THE SED WAS NOW
CALLING ITSELF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] WRITER QUESTIONED SUBJECT ON THIS. HE SAID [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WRITER ASKED HIM TO EXPLAIN WHAT HE MEANT BY THIS, BUT SUBJECT WOULD NOT GIVE A DIRECT ANSWER. HE SAID THAT HE WAS GLAD THAT THIS HAD HAPPENED AND THEN TOLD A STORY ABOUT HOW [REDACTED] HAD WORKED FOR [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THEY HAD TO GIVE HIM A POSITION THAT AT LEAST
ON THE SURFACE LOOKED GOOD.

SUBJECT AT THIS POINT WAS ASKED ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR HANS
MODROW REMAINING PRIME MINISTER. SUBJECT SAID RATHER OFFHANDEDLY
[REDACTED] WHEN WRITER QUESTIONED HIM AS TO
THE LEVEL OF HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH MODROW, SUBJECT SAID THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SUBJECT SAID THAT MODROW WAS ALREADY A

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TO MEET ON [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]. AS STATED ABOVE, WRITER WILL GIVE SUBJECT AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF EXACTLY WHAT THE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IS TOWARDS THE GDR.

NEW YORK ADVISED [REDACTED] OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION ON [REDACTED]. NEW YORK WILL KEEP FBIHQ ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

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[REDACTED] HE WAS TOLD. SUBJECT'S INSIGHTS AND OPINIONS ARE VALUABLE AND NECESSARY AND EXTREMELY USEFUL IN HELPING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSESS AN INCREASINGLY VOLATILE SITUATION IN THE GDR. SUBJECT SEEMED TO BE PLACATED BY WRITER'S STATEMENTS AND AGREED THAT HIS "INFORMED OPINION" WAS IN FACT VALUABLE.

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SUBJECT MENTIONED TO WRITER THAT HE HAD COFFEE WITH A [REDACTED] CORRESPONDENT ON [REDACTED] MORNING [REDACTED] SUBJECT DID NOT MENTION THE MAN'S NAME NOR WOULD HE PROVIDE IT, BUT BASED ON SUBJECT' DESCRIPTION, IT APPEARS THAT IT WAS

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[REDACTED] AS SUBJECT, IN WRITER'S OPINION, LIKES THIS IDEA TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, HE DID NOT REALLY QUESTION THIS STATEMENT. SUBJECT ALSO SAID THAT THIS CORRESPONDENT WAS PARTICULARLY WELL CONNECTED AND AS SUCH SUBJECT TOOK HIS STATEMENT AT FACE VALUE. HE DID SAY HOWEVER THAT HE DID

NOT PAY TOO MUCH ATTENTION UNTIL TWO DAYS LATER WHEN HE SAW AN ARTICLE IN THE PRESS THAT THE GDR MILITARY HAD ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS ISSUING A WARNING TO THE GDR POPULACE NOT TO TRY TO ATTACK GDR MILITARY BASES. THIS STATEMENT THEN TOOK ON NEW MEANING FOR SUBJECT. WRITER ADVISED SUBJECT THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THIS STATEMENT AND COULD NOT BELIEVE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SUBJECT STATED THAT HE WAS NOT SURE BUT WOULD NOT DISMISS IT OUT OF HAND. WRITER REMINDED SUBJECT THAT THE SOVIETS WERE VERY GOOD AT "DISINFORMATION" AND WERE USING SUBJECT AS RELAY TO HIS GOVERNMENT. SUBJECT SAID HE DID NOT DO SUCH THINGS. WRITER REMINDED HIM THAT THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT THE SOVIET CORRESPONDENT DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS IS WHAT HE WOULD DO. WRITER TOLD SUBJECT THAT HE WOULD FIND OUT WHAT THE U.S. POLICY WAS AND TELL HIM AT THEIR NEXT MEETING. SUBJECT ACCEPTED THIS IDEA READILY.

SUBJECT ALSO TOLD WRITER [REDACTED] FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, PIERRE-LOUIS BLANC, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUBJECT SAID THAT AMBASSADOR BLANC
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT ALSO COMMENTED ON THE POSSIBILITIES FOR VIOLENCE IN THE GDR. SUBJECT BELIEVES THAT THERE IS EVERY POSSIBILITY THAT THE SITUATION COULD RAPIDLY DETERIORATE INTO VIOLENCE IF THERE ARE PROVOCATIVE ACTS BY THE PRO-UNIFICATION GROUPS AGAINST THE SECURITY AND POLICE FORCES. SUBJECT SAID THAT THE KILLING OF A SINGLE POLICEMAN COULD LEAD TO A SECURITY CRACKDOWN AND THAT THE SECURITY SERVICES ARE MORE THAN CAPABLE OF ORCHESTRATING SUCH AN EVENT. SUBJECT IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS AND AGREED WITH WRITER THAT EVERYTHING THAT COULD BE DONE SHOULD BE DONE TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE IN THE GDR. WRITER ASKED SUBJECT WHAT WOULD BE THE CONSEQUENCES IN WEST GERMANY SHOULD VIOLENCE BREAKOUT IN THE GDR. SUBJECT SAID THAT THIS WOULD PRESENT A REAL PROBLEM FOR THE KOHL GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUBJECT WOULD NOT SPECULATE AS TO WHAT WOULD HAPPEN THEN BUT WAS OBVIOUSLY UPSET WITH THE PROSPECT.

WRITER AND SUBJECT AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ON THE DATE OF THIS WRITING, SUBJECT TELEPHONED WRITER AND AGREED

"FAMOUS AND WELL RESPECTED MAN AT THAT TIME". MODROW WAS INVOLVED WITH THE FDJ GROUP [REDACTED] SUBJECT REGARDS MODROW HIGHLY AND SPEAKS OF HIM THE SAME WAY HE SPEAKS OF FLORIN. [REDACTED] HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH MODROW, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SUBJECT AND WRITER THEN DISCUSSED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WOLFGANG BERGHOFER, THE MAYOR OF DRESDEN, COULD BE A SUCCESSOR TO EGON KRENZ. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SUBJECT LAUGHED AND SAID THAT WRITER WAS SPEAKING NONSENSE. SUBJECT SAID THAT THIS INFORMATION WAS GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FROM THE WEST GERMAN PRESS AND HIS OWN KNOWLEDGE OF GDR AFFAIRS. HE SAID THAT IN NO WAY COULD SOMETHING LIKE THIS BE VIEWED AS INSIDE INFORMATION, HE ADDED THAT HE HAD NO ACCESS TO [REDACTED] SUBJECT, WHO WAS VERY ADAMANT ABOUT THIS, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WRITER TOLD HIM THAT WHETHER HE BELIEVED IT OR NOT, HIS "INFORMED OPINION" WAS EXTREMELY VALUABLE TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. ALSO WHILE THE U.S. DOES HAVE AN EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN, [REDACTED]

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GAVE SUBJECT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO ARRANGE A TIME FOR THAT DAY.

SUBJECT TELEPHONED WRITER [REDACTED] AND STATED THAT HE COULD MEET WRITER AT [REDACTED] SUBJECT LEFT IT TO WRITER AS TO WHERE TO MEET.

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AFTER MEETING IN FRONT OF [REDACTED] WRITER AND

SUBJECT WALKED WEST ON [REDACTED] TO THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WRITER AND SUBJECT HAD

COFFEE IN [REDACTED] RESTAURANT, WHICH IS LOCATED [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT BEGAN HIS CONVERSATION WITH WRITER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT GREGOR GYSI WOULD BE COMING TO THE U.S. DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY. WRITER ASKED SUBJECT WHO TOLD HIM THIS AND WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF GYSI'S VISIT. SUBJECT SAID [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND WAS WONDERING HIMSELF WHAT GYSI WOULD BE DOING. HE KNEW GYSI WAS GOING TO WASHINGTON, D.C. BUT LITTLE ELSE. WRITER REMARKED THAT GYSI HAD NO GOVERNMENT POSITION SO THE VISIT MUST BE PRIVATE. SUBJECT SAID THAT WHILE GYSI IS INDEED A PRIVATE CITIZEN, HE WAS STILL HEAD OF THE SED AND WAS WELL KNOWN IN THE U.S. WRITER REMARKED THAT GREGOR GYSI'S FATHER KLAUS

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GYSI WAS VERY WELL KNOWN AND REGARDED IN THE U.S., ESPECIALLY IN JEWISH CIRCLES. SUBJECT EXPLAINED THAT THE SAME HOLDS TRUE FOR GREGOR GYSI AS WELL.

WRITER AND SUBJECT THEN BEGAN TO SPEAK ABOUT THE SED ITSELF. SUBJECT WENT ON AT LENGTH ABOUT THIS BUT HIS BASIC POINT IS THAT HE BELIEVES THE SED HAS NO FUTURE AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTIONS. SUBJECT SAID THAT THEY WILL MOST ASSUREDLY "WIN" THE ELECTION BECAUSE OF THE FRAGMENTARY OPPOSITION. HE SAID THAT THEY COULD GET AS MUCH AS 45 PERCENT OF THE VOTE BUT THAT AFTER THE ELECTION NO ONE WOULD ACCEPT THIS. HE SAID AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS, EVEN THOUGH THE SED WILL BE THE "WINNING" PARTY THEY WILL IN THE END LOSE BECAUSE THE STREET DEMONSTRATORS WILL PROTEST ANY ELECTION WHERE THE SED WINS. SUBJECT FEELS THAT THE STREET DEMONSTRATIONS ARE IN CONTROL NOW, AS HANS MODROW'S FAILED ATTEMPT TO RE-ESTABLISH THE MFS PROVES.

SUBJECT WAS ASKED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE SAID IN RESPONSE TO THIS, THAT THIS WAS A SENSITIVE SUBJECT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BUT HE WAS NOT SURE AS TO WHO.

SUBJECT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HE SAID IN RESPONSE
TO SOME PROMPTING THAT THIS WAS HOW [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HE SAID [REDACTED]

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WRITER ASKED SUBJECT WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH [REDACTED] AND MORE TO
THE POINT [REDACTED] SUBJECT SAID THAT CONCERNING [REDACTED] WAS
JUST FINE AND IN FACT HAD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE THEN SAID WITH A BIG SMILE, THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND THAT MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE ASSIGNED THERE. THIS WOULD

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SUBJECT AND WRITER ALSO DISCUSSED SOMETHING THAT SUBJECT HAD BROUGHT UP BEFORE. HE HAD MADE THE COMMENT THAT THE NEW YORK GDR COMMUNITY WAS BEING DIVIDED INTO FACTIONS, WHICH ARE THE EQUIVALENT OF "LIBERAL" AND "CONSERVATIVE" IN AMERICAN TERMS. WRITER ASKED SUBJECT TO BREAK DOWN THE GROUPS FOR HIM, REMEMBERING THAT HE PUT HIMSELF [REDACTED] SUBJECT WAS SOMEWHAT HESITANT ABOUT

THIS BUT WITH PROMPTING CATEGORIZED SEVERAL OF THE [REDACTED]

SUBJECT SAID THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARE THE READILY IDENTIFIABLE HARDLINERS. HE HAS ALREADY MADE HIS FEELINGS KNOWN ABOUT [REDACTED] BUT WAS CONCILATORY WHEN IT CAME TO [REDACTED] HE SAID THAT [REDACTED] WITH THE OLD GDR REGIME AND THAT FOR HIM TO DEFEND IT NOW WAS UNDERSTANDABLE. HE EVIDENTLY LIKES [REDACTED] AND FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO SPEAK ILL OF HIM.

SUBJECT DOES NOT, HOWEVER, FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT SOME OF THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS HE DESCRIBED. HE JUST DISMISSED [REDACTED] ALTOGETHER AS A HARDLINER OF LITTLE REAL ABILITY. WHEN WRITER ASKED SUBJECT WHAT CAMP [REDACTED] WAS IN, THE GLOVES CAME OFF. SUBJECT SAID THAT [REDACTED] IS SOMEONE WHO [REDACTED] THUS NOT TRUSTWORTHY.

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HE SAID THAT HE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUBJECT BELIEVES THAT [REDACTED] WILL MAKE IT APPEAR

THAT HE IS IN FULL SUPPORT OF ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS IN THE GDR.

SUBJECT SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT [REDACTED] TRUE BELIEFS ARE ABOUT ANYTHING.

SUBJECT SAID THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF THE COMMUNITY KEEP THEIR

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OWN COUNSEL AND TWO OF THESE PEOPLE [REDACTED]

WERE HIGHLY COMPETENT. HE SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH HE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS QUITE

BRILLIANT AND A DEDICATED WORKER, BUT AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BASICALLY
KEPT HIS OPINIONS ABOUT CONTROVERSIAL MATTERS TO HIMSELF. SUBJECT
DESCRIBED [REDACTED] IN A SIMILAR WAY. HE SAID THAT [REDACTED] WAS
DEDICATED TO HIS WORK AND MADE AN EFFORT TO BE INDUSTRIOUS.

SUBJECT THEN BROUGHT UP ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO HE EVIDENTLY
FOUND [REDACTED] HAS THE
JOB OF [REDACTED] SUBJECT

SAID THAT [REDACTED] IS A LAZY, UNINVOLVED PERSON WHO IS UNSUITED BY
HIS VERY PERSONALITY FOR THE JOB HE HOLDS. SUBJECT SAID THAT HE
HIMSELF MAKES THE BEST OF WHATEVER HE DOES. SUBJECT SAID THAT IF HE
WERE PUT IN CHARGE OF THE DOORMEN AT A HOTEL, IN TWO MONTHS PEOPLE
WOULD COME TO HIM AND TELL HIM THAT HIS WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB
IN THE HOTEL. HE SAID THAT [REDACTED] WAS JUST THE OPPOSITE, NOTHING
INTERESTED HIM, OR MOVED HIM TO WORK. SUBJECT SAID THAT WHEN
[REDACTED] HE WILL SAY THAT NOTHING
INTERESTING IS GOING ON. WRITER COMMENTED THAT [REDACTED] HAD

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[REDACTED] SUBJECT SAID THAT HE WAS NOT SURE WHEN OR IF HE WOULD BE RETURNING.

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AS SUBJECT WAS MAKING READY TO DEPART, HE MENTIONED TO SUBJECT HE WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE SAID THAT THIS WOMAN WAS CURRENTLY WORKING FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE SPELLED IT OUT FOR WRITER BUT

COULD NOT REMEMBER HOW TO SPELL OR PRONOUNCE HER FIRST NAME, BUT

SAID IT BEGAN WITH K. HE SAID IT WAS [REDACTED]

SUBJECT ADDED THAT THE WOMAN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHE WAS INTELLIGENT AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE SAID THAT HER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT DID NOT SAY, BUT WRITER THINKS HE VIEWS HER AS A [REDACTED] CANDIDATE FOR A [REDACTED] ALSO BY DOING THIS HE

WILL NOT FEEL AS BEHOLDEN TO WRITER FOR DOING SOMETHING FOR HIM. IT

IS WRITER'S OPINION THAT IT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WRITER BELIEVES A GREAT DEAL OF SUBJECT'S

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BEHAVIOR IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THIS CHARACTER TRAIT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HE WOULD FEEL A NECESSITY TO RECIPROCATATE AND
[REDACTED]

SUBJECT IS, HOWEVER, BECOMING MORE COMFORTABLE WITH WRITER AND
TAKING CARE TO LISTEN TO WRITER ABOUT HIS PERSONAL SECURITY. HE NOW
HAS WRITER'S HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]
AND WAS TOLD HE COULD GET IN TOUCH WITH WRITER WHENEVER HE WISHED.
SUBJECT THEN GAVE WRITER HIS HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER. SUBJECT ALSO
RESOLVED THE PROBLEM OF CALLING WRITER [REDACTED] BY SAYING THAT HE
WILL [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

FINALLY SUBJECT STATED THAT HE WOULD CALL WRITER ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO SET UP ANOTHER MEETING. HE SAID THAT [REDACTED]
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FBIHQ ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

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OPEN UP MANY JOBS WITHIN [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT STATED THAT HE BELIEVES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WRITER SAID THAT IT LOOKED LIKE HE WAS DOING WELL ON HIS OWN WITH THIS. HE REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT HE COULD BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT SUPPORT. WRITER ASKED "WELL, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?" SUBJECT ASKED WRITER TO HAVE HIS CONTACTS EXPLORE WHAT COULD BE DONE TO [REDACTED] WRITER TOLD SUBJECT THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THIS BUT ONLY TO EXPLORE, NO GUARANTEES OF HELP WERE MADE. SUBJECT WAS GRATEFUL TO WRITER FOR THIS OFFER OF HELP.

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(2) Werner Felfe, 60, is a Politburo member and Central Committee secretary for agriculture since 1981. He has ties to Honecker dating back to the 1950s and is a competent administrator.

(3) Guenter Schabowski, 59, is a Politburo member and a Central Committee secretary since 1986. He is a Honecker loyalist with strong Soviet ties.

(4) Horst Dohlus, 62, is a Politburo member and the Central Committee secretary for party organs. He is a longtime Honecker associate.

(5) Hans Modrow is the First Secretary of the District Administration of Dresden and member of the Central Committee. He is the most likely candidate to succeed Honecker, over Krenz and Felfe, and is known as a qualified "worker" who is intolerant of nonsense.

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This issue of East Europe Notes contains a profile of East German leader Erich Honecker and a review of Merchants of Treason by authors Norman Polmar and Thomas Allen. Please send any comments or suggestions to Section, B Unit, FBIHQ, Room 4835. (U)

THE IMPACT OF GORBACHEV'S REFORMS ON EASTERN EUROPE

During the past few years, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has launched a sweeping series of reforms under the slogans of perestroika (restructuring) and glasnost (openness). In essence, his initiatives aim to effect democratization and the restructuring of economic management with emphasis on the autonomy of individual enterprises. Improvements in the private sector are to be achieved by encouraging a limited degree of private enterprise. The support of the workers is to be gained by giving them the right to elect their representatives and factory managers and by diverting resources to the domestic sector to improve their standard of living. (U)

The reactions of East European leaders to the Gorbachev initiatives have, with the exception of Polish leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski, been quite cautious. Some leaders have argued that they have long since achieved the reforms sought by Gorbachev. Whatever their assessment of the Gorbachev program, all of the countries of Eastern Europe will be impelled to improve their economies, so that their exports to the Soviet Union will meet the higher standards now being set by the Soviets. Further, the rising political expectations of the people of Eastern Europe, which are being stoked by Gorbachev's pronouncements, will create additional problems with which the leaders of Eastern Europe will be forced to cope. (U)

So far, among the general population, Gorbachev's initiatives have had the greatest positive impact in Czechoslovakia. Although the Czechoslovak leadership has

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Neo-Nazis promise election gains

WEST BERLIN (AP) — A right-wing West German political party denounced as "neo-Nazis" by the East German government said it will organize for East German elections and predicted Tuesday it would get 10 percent of the vote.

Also, Tuesday, East German Environment Minister Hans Reichelt resigned following opposition attacks that the country's former hard-line Communist leaders turned it into one of the most polluted nations in Europe. The official East German news agency ADN gave no reason for Reichelt's resignation.

In West Berlin, the top figure in an East German financial scandal, Alexander Schalck-Golodkowski, was freed after a prosecutor doubted that he could get a fair trial in East Germany.

The government of Communist Prime Minister Hans Modrow has promised elections May 6, but it has vowed to keep West Germany's Republican Party from organizing, saying that the right-wing extremist group is a neo-Nazi organization.

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FOLLOWING ARE SOME SUGGESTED QUESTIONS/POINTS OF DISCUSSION

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[REDACTED] FBIHQ RECOGNIZES

THAT THE TIMING MAY NOT BE PROPER FOR SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS
AND EMPHASIZES THAT IT IS LEFT TO THE BEST JUDGEMENT OF
SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] AS TO WHEN THE PROPER TIME
PRESENTS ITSELF. ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS NOT POSED, SHOULD BE
RETAINED FOR FUTURE USE.

1. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MARKUS WOLF AS WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS OF THE

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4. DOES SUBJECT KNOW WHY MARKUS WOLF RETIRED AND WHY HE WAS REPLACED BY ~~WERNER GROSSMANN~~? NOTE: THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION THAT WOLF MIGHT HAVE BECOME ~~MIELKE'S~~ REPLACEMENT AS MINISTER OF STATE SECURITY. (RUMOR HAS BEEN THAT WOLF LIVED IN A LAVISH LIFE-STYLE AND THAT HIS WIFE HAD AFFAIRS. REPORTEDLY, THIS RUMOR WAS PROPAGANDA SPREAD BY THE BND.)

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2. THE SAME DEBRIEFING REPORT STATED THAT SUBJECT BELIEVED
POSITIVE CHANGES WERE TAKING PLACE IN THE GDR WHICH INCLUDED
// REDUCTIONS IN ARMAMENTS THAT WOULD ENABLE THE GDR GOVERNMENT TO //
REDISTRIBUTE RESOURCES TO SOCIAL PROGRAMS. (NO SPECIFIC ARMS
CUTS WERE MENTIONED, HOWEVER.) WHAT KINDS OF REDUCTIONS HAD
TAKEN PLACE AS OF APRIL 1988? IS SUBJECT AWARE OF ANY
FORTHCOMING REDUCTIONS IN THE GDR ARMED FORCES, ESPECIALLY IN
LIGHT OF GORBACHEV'S RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE UNILATERAL
WITHDRAWAL OF SIX TANK DIVISIONS FROM EASTERN EUROPE.

3. IS SUBJECT AWARE OF ANY IMPENDING CHANGES IN THE GDR
LEADERSHIP? WHEN WILL ERICH HONECKER STEP DOWN AS PARTY AND
STATE CHIEF? WHO WILL REPLACE HIM? (FREQUENTLY MENTIONED
CONTENDERS TO SUCCEED HONECKER ARE EGON KRENZ, THE POLITBURO
MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNAL SECURITY, SPORTS AND YOUTH
AFFAIRS; GUENTER SCHABOWSKI, A POLITBURO MEMBER AND THE EAST
BERLIN PARTY CHIEF; AND HANS MODROW, THE DRESDEN PARTY CHIEF,
WHO IS NOT A POLITBURO MEMBER AND THEREFORE REGARDED AS A DARK-
HORSE CANDIDATE.)

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